

MEMBERS OF HOUSE TOLD TO RESIST CANNON Will Not Attend Caucus for His Re-election to Speakership.

**AFRAID INFLUENCE
WILL HURT PARTY**

Church People Expect His Defeat,
But Politicians Look for Small
Winning Majority.

By JOHN SNURE.

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—Speaker Cannon's friends in the Republican Congressional organization have become alarmed at the reports received from various Congressional districts. Not only has hostility to Speaker Cannon been revealed in unexpected quarters, but it has been discovered that an active movement is in progress to secure signatures from Republicans, pledging them to refuse to enter a Republican caucus should Mr. Cannon's name be presented to it.

It is known twelve Congressional nominees in districts certainly Republican have signed a pledge to remain away from any caucus to which Mr. Cannon is presented for the Speakership nomination.

The States in which this movement has received the endorsement of Republican Congressional candidates are Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Kansas. The names of the twelve Republican candidates for Congress who have taken this unusual step will not be revealed.

Other Republican candidates for Congress who have been urged to enter into this agreement have refused to do so, on the ground that it will be injurious to the party. It is a revolutionary step. They have not hesitated to say, however, that they will refuse to vote for Mr. Cannon for Speaker, but will not be bound by a caucus nomination. It is the consensus of political opinion now that the fight for control of the House will be a close one, no matter how the Presidential election may go.

Will Be Small.

But even if the Republicans do have a majority, it is nowhere believed that it will be large. No one for a moment believes it will approximate the present majority of fifty, and the Republican Congressional organization would be more than satisfied if it felt sure of carrying the lower House by a majority of twelve or fifteen.

It would require a majority much larger than that anticipated to secure the re-election of Speaker Cannon. The Republicans sweep the Congressional districts, so as to have a majority of fifty or sixty would be impossible to defeat Mr. Cannon for Speaker. Cannon's friends would point to such a majority as a vindication of his actions, and a means of securing his re-election by the Committee on Rules.

With a big Republican majority returned to the lower House, the regime which has directed it for several years would continue its methods, and insist that it had been vindicated at the polls. It would take a Republican landslide, however, to save Mr. Cannon and his House machine, particularly in the West, where there is a revolt against him, and Republicans everywhere are protesting that he has pushed the party to a dead weight on the national ticket.

It will not be admitted here in the Congressional district of Illinois that Cannon is in any danger of defeat in the Eighteenth Illinois district. The Republican Congressional leaders have made a sufficient canvass of the district to convince themselves that the Speaker is in no danger of actual defeat.

May Be Justified.

What they do fear, however, is that his majority of 36,000 will be so cut that his opponents in his own party will point to that as a justification for standing they are taking in opposing his re-election as Speaker. The Democrats and the Methodists, who, in this particular fight, are working in hand with the labor leaders, are persuaded that Cannon will be defeated. They declare that the revolt against him is of tremendous proportions.

Missouri, Tennessee, and Oklahoma from now on will be stubbornly controlled by the Republican majority. The Democrats have been centering their attacks upon Ohio, Indiana, and Wisconsin, the Republican leaders have secured representation from the Democratic States which have convinced them there is a fighting chance, and better, in each.

In the case of Missouri, it is argued that such a contest as the Republicans have put forward in Indiana would, if applied to Missouri, result in a victory to the Republican column. The situation in Tennessee is even more inviting to the Republicans than that in Missouri.

The stories which have crept into print that Cannon have almost exclusively been confined to presenting the Republican rows in States which have been regarded heretofore as solid for the Republican ticket.

Now it is discovered that the Democrats have on their hands in Tennessee a party caucus which is quite as intense as that which confronted the Republicans in Iowa and Wisconsin, and that the Democratic majority in Tennessee is much less than the Republican majority in the other States. The quarrel between Senator Carmack, who is a co-elector, and Patterson, who defeated him for the national ticket, is bitter and apparently irreconcilable.

May Knife Ticket.

Carmack's followers are accused of an intention to knife the national ticket, and the Patterson followers, in turn, are said to be indifferent to the success of the national ticket and ready to back it off. The Republican national committee was sufficiently impressed with the opportunity presented in the State to arrange for a caucus in Tennessee, and other speakers will be sent to the State.

Telegrams which are pouring in from Oklahoma have convinced the Republican leaders that there is hope of carrying that State. Senator Dixon, especially, is convinced that Oklahoma is good fighting ground. He has been made familiar with the hostility toward Haskell, who had lost the election before the Hearst disclosures and the movement which has been started to elect Haskell Governor of Oklahoma. From now on Oklahoma Republicans will be given every encouragement to make an aggressive fight.

Walter S. Dicks, chairman of the Missouri Republican committee, was at headquarters today. Discussing the Missouri situation, he said: "I thoroughly believe we will carry Missouri both for Taft and for Hadley. I base this prediction upon the conditions, business and political, which we discover exist through the agricultural counties of the State."

President's Reply to Bryan Defends Steel Trust Case And Takes Parting Raps at Career of Governor Haskell

Roosevelt Declares Absorption of Tennessee Coal and Iron Was Proper.

Tells Nebraskan His Words Do Not Compare With Deeds of Administration.

President Roosevelt's latest tug on the line cast between himself and Mr. Bryan makes more knots in the problem which both are fighting to solve first and gives added food for thought to the political "bleachers" who are watching the game with more than ordinary interest.

President Roosevelt has no intention of permitting Mr. Bryan to have the last word in this matter, although the President's preceding communication was believed to have been the last shot he would fire. He is in the fray for keeps, evidently, and is going to see the argument through to its end.

Mr. Roosevelt devotes his latest letter primarily to answering the questions which Mr. Bryan has so pointedly asked and answered, and then adds a little more information regarding the inner workings of past campaign committees, Republican and Democratic, for the benefit of the courts at large.

That the Democrats merely promise to do, if in power, what the Republicans have already done is the keynote of the reply, which likewise contains a parting shot at Governor Haskell.

The President calls attention to the forty-nine indictments for secret re-election under his Administration, and declares that the legitimate business interests of the country are naturally for Judge Taft. He explains that the Steel trust was permitted to absorb one of its leading rivals merely as an heroic measure to avert a threatening widespread disaster due to the recent panic.

Replies in Detail.

"Dear sir: I have seen your letter published in this morning's papers. As to most of what you say about me personally, I do not regard any answer as necessary. When you say that I am unfair to your platform, you reiterate certain opinions as to which I had quoted with my hearty approval Governor Hughes in my first letter; and these, therefore, it is also unnecessary to answer. You have not answered the Hughes speech, and in my judgment, you do not intend to do so.

"You say that your platform declares in favor of the vigorous enforcement of the law against guilty trust magnates and officials, and that the platform upon which Mr. Taft stands makes no such declaration. It was not necessary.

That platform approved the policies of this Administration and promised to continue them; and here, as usual, I have only to compare your words with the deeds of the Administration and of Mr. Taft. You merely promise in your platform that you intend to do just what this Administration has actually done and is doing.

Brings in Olney's Name.

"To show the difference between deeds and words, I will compare the record of this Administration with the record of one of your most prominent supporters at the moment, Mr. Olney. Attorney General under the last Democratic Administration. While Mr. Olney was Attorney General, no cases whatever were brought, under the anti-trust law, against combinations of capital, against combinations of combinations of workmen. During that entire Administration the only cases brought against combinations of capital under the anti-trust act were in number two of the Hughes bill, and these were unsuccessful, one of the other two being the case which was decided by Judge Taft in favor of the Government.

"Under this Administration a mass of such cases have been brought, including the case against the Northern Securities Company; against the beef packers; against the Federal Salt Company; against the General Paper Company; against the Otis and other elevator companies; against the American Tobacco Company; against the Powder trust; against the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company; against the Standard Oil Company, and others.

No Real Defeat.

"In hardly any important case against great law-breaking corporations has the Government yet suffered final defeat. You state that the Steel Company, with my expressed consent, purchased one of its largest rivals, and thus obtained a control of over 60 per cent of the total output. This action of the Steel Company, which increased its share of the total output by only about 1 per cent, and in no way altered the standing of the company under the law, may have been a violation of your plan, the absurdity of which has been exposed by Governor Hughes. But there was no violation of the law, and was cognizant of the entire transaction.

"It was not entered into by the Steel Corporation of its own desire, but solely on the request of and for the benefit of the great banks holding that corporation's securities, in order to enable them to prevent a crash which would have turned the panic of last fall into the most widespread disaster. I should have been derelict in my duty if I had not so acted and efficiently used all the power of the Government, where it could be legally and properly used (as it was in this case), to see that the panic was kept within the smallest possible radius and the damage caused as slight as possible.

Bryan's Principle Wrong.

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President Hits Hard In Reply to Bryan

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You say that the trust magnates know their own interests and are supporting Judge Taft. So far as they have special interests, which are to them more important than the general business welfare, I believe they will support you.

I wish distinctly to acquit Mr. Haskell of being opposed on principle to either trade unions or corporations, for I wish to acquit him of being opposed on principle to anything. I emphatically approve of the publication of campaign expenses after the election, whether provided for by law or not.

man where I thought he had broken the law, I yet hesitated to do him justice where I thought the facts required that justice should be done him. In exactly the same way I have acted and shall act as regards the Steel Corporation.

Trust Man for Bryan.

"You ask me to name a single official connected with a law-defying corporation who has declared or will declare that he is supporting you. In a St. Louis paper which reaches me at the same time that the papers containing this published letter of yours, I find a statement from Judge Henry S. Priest, attorney for the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, the Western subsidiary or representative of the Standard Oil Company, in which he announces that he is for Bryan, and states that Wall Street believes Bryan will be elected.

"In response to the question as to whether he could quote any of the Standard Oil magnates as feeling that way, he answered: "I did not say I saw any of the officials of the Standard Oil Company. I am giving you the opinion of a gentleman of opinion among well-posted politicians, as well as bankers. I am, I guess, Governor Haskell's ally. I have not proved anything on him, have I?"

"The newspaper clipping goes on to say that Judge Priest is a 'trust man' and that he is a 'law-defying corporation' who has declared or will declare that he is supporting you. In a St. Louis paper which reaches me at the same time that the papers containing this published letter of yours, I find a statement from Judge Henry S. Priest, attorney for the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, the Western subsidiary or representative of the Standard Oil Company, in which he announces that he is for Bryan, and states that Wall Street believes Bryan will be elected.

"I base this belief upon what happened in 1896. Your success then would, in my belief, have been a calamity for the country from the standpoint of the welfare of the business men, farmers, and workmen; just as, in my belief, your success now would be a calamity to the country, both from the standpoint of business and especially of the interests of the wage-worker and from the standpoint of the personal interests of the country.

"One of your supporters, the New York World, in February last printed a list of contributions to your campaign in 1896, containing the names of individuals and corporations owning silver mines, who made contributions to your campaign of \$300,000, and of these contributions being of \$100,000 and another of \$40,000, etc., etc.

"Now all the great financial magnates who then contributed to your campaign fund would have preferred business prosperity to business adversity, other things being equal, and they would rather have had the immense profit that would have accrued to them from the free coinage of the 50-cent dollar than the loss which would have resulted from the free coinage of the 50-cent dollar, and they would have preferred business prosperity to business adversity, other things being equal, and they would rather have had the immense profit that would have accrued to them from the free coinage of the 50-cent dollar than the loss which would have resulted from the free coinage of the 50-cent dollar, and they would have preferred business prosperity to business adversity, other things being equal, and they would rather have had the immense profit that would have accrued to them from the free coinage of the 50-cent dollar than the loss which would have resulted from the free coinage of the 50-cent 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